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TO : Chief, FDP DATE: 27 May 1960  
FROM : Chief of Station, E  
SUBJECT: GENERAL Date - Communist Progress in Greece  
SPECIFIC: → Contents of Censored Letters written by  
Albanian Political Refugees

1. [redacted] A former resident of the Lavrion political refugee camp in Greece, wrote a letter from Rome on 17 April 1960 to his compatriot in Lavrion, Professor HAFERKAFTANTU. He stated that Abas KUPI returned from Cairo to Rome on 10 April 1960 with encouraging reports concerning the progress of the Royalist Legalist Party. The letter continues by stating that no Albanian refugee group is on good terms with the Balli Kombeṭer and that there is much discord in the latter organization. The Agrarian Party and the Legalist Party, on the other hand, are very closely connected. There is no cooperation on the part of any Albanian group with the Independent Party.

2. [redacted] His letters declare that Ali KLISSURA wrote to some Balli Kombeṭer members at the Benjoli camp in Italy (from Egypt) in which he said that he had spoken with King ZOG who is "much interested in the freedom of his suffering people" and that without the Monarch's cooperation it would be impossible to liberate the Fatherland. For reasons of "supreme national interest", KLISSURA stated that all Albanians abroad must rally around their King. KLISSURA continued that he personally was in favor of Balli Kombeṭer, but that he could not follow its present leadership, which must be overthrown and a new committee formed.

3. The same writer tells of a letter written in Syria by Ismail XETIRANI to the Albanians from the Kosovo region (Yugoslavia) now in the Bari (Italy) political refugee camp. This letter also calls for the full support of King ZOG and Abas KUPI in order that Albania and the Kosovo region might be liberated. The letter advises that no one listen to the "nonsense of Deva TAFER". VDEVH

4. The letter also quotes a Yugoslav-language paper printed in New York 8 March 1960 to the effect that the "Americans want to overthrow the Communist regime and establish ZOG's monarchy again" in Albania. An Italian newspaper a few months ago wrote that the British Foreign

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Minister had visited King ZOG and King FAROUK during the former's visit to Egypt. Allegedly some official British support for Albania's struggle is read into this newspaper account of a diplomatic dinner.

5. A letter written 14 April 1950 by [ ] in Italy to Muftar SPANIU at Lavrion informs the latter that Asimov TLEZI and Hassen TSEZZA had been in Rome and have since left for an undisclosed destination. The writer of the letter also states that "our hopes for a pleasant event are increasing every day" and that he and his compatriots in Italy are preparing for a "départure for somewhere".

6. [ ] of the Legalist Party now in Rome wrote to Muftar SPANIU on 27 April 1950 as follows:

"We received your letter of 21 April 1950 together with the list of 40 persons, who belong to our Party, and their pictures (three of each person).

• We would like to know if all the listed members belong to the Lavrion camp only.

We are awaiting for the report we asked you to write.

We noted the difficulties you outline. We hope that our friends in Rome will help you overcome them; as they are in close contact with the authorities in Greece. We have used these same persons for EKRIKIDINES case, which has not finished yet.

We would like to know how many Albanians are in Greece no matter what Party affiliation they may have.

We thank you for the services you have given us.

Abas KUPI, the leader of our movement sends his regards to all our brothers in Greece".

7. The above information was forwarded to this office by [ ] who in turn received the information from censored letters.

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